

Construction status explanation:

We had permitted the project and specified two vertical lifts: one ADA compliant exterior lift for getting people from street level to the higher level of the second floor, and one ADA compliant platform lift for getting people down the 30" to the lower level of the second floor. The building department noted that the platform lift (the one making the 30" grade change) we specified was not commercial grade, and we had to change our spec. The supplier noted that the price for a commercial grade version of the same ADA compliant lift would four times more expensive, at approximately \$20,000. This cost is too high based on the funds budgeted for the project.

At this point we attempted to design a ramp to navigate this 30" grade difference. Unfortunately, due to the confines of the existing structure, we cannot make a ramp work with proper head height clearances without significant structural modification to the building's roof. To further complicate matters, there is a rooftop air condenser unit sitting above the area that would need modification.

We feel we have tried every potential solution to making both levels of the second floor accessibly and the only one we are left with is prohibitively expensive. This is our primary reason for seeking a waiver.